


REMARKS

Counsel thanks the Examiner, Mr. Ingberg, for his courtesy and assistance in advancing the prosecution of this application during a telephone interview conducted July 27, 2004. During the discussion, the Examiner indicated that an amendment of the type set forth hereinabove, including the recitation of a screen which presents the operator with selectable options for "use" and "do not use" would distinguish over the prior art of record. By the foregoing amendment, Claims 1 and 11 have been amended to incorporate changes reflecting the Examiner's comments during the telephone interview. In addition, Applicants further note that Claims 11 and 17 already contain similar limitations. In particular, Claim 17 recites that the processing system displays to the operator "a function item selection screen, which offers to said system operator an option to select from use and not-to-use instructions...". Similarly, Claim 11 also recites that the system comprises means "for offering to said system operator an option to select from use and not-to-use instructions".

In light of the foregoing remarks, this application should be in condition for allowance, and early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #381NP/47598).

Respectfully submitted,

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